

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joshua M. Povsner with Registration Number 42,086 on 03/21/2008. According to the Attorney's telephonic discussion, Applicant agreed to amend independent Claim 29 and the title of the application.

The application has been amended as follows:

Specification

Please replace the title "Transmission and Receiving Apparatus" such as Receiving Apparatus.

Claims

29. (Currently Amended)

Please replace "a tool identification" in line 14 such as **the** tool identification.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 29, 33-34, 36-44 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Any prior art of the record does not teach or suggest alone or in combination with other prior art of record the specific features required in the independent Claim 29 such as "the rights information specifying at least one of rights for a permitted number of accesses and rights for editing in the receiving apparatus; a second rights manager that

separates the rights information into first rights information and second rights information; and a multiplexing adjustor that modifies the rights information in the multiplexed signal, and that outputs a revised multiplexed signal, wherein the revised multiplexed signal is output to a second receiving apparatus in accordance with a request signal from the second receiving apparatus” recited in the independent Claim 29. The prior art taken either single or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the above limitations of applicant’s independent claims in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 would be proper. Therefore, the claimed invention is considered to be in condition for allowance as being novel and non-obvious over prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Contact Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Baotran N. To whose telephone number is 571-272-8156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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